

IOTAC

11 March 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: IOTAC Meeting of 6 March--the 44th Meeting

1. The undersigned attended the ^{25X1A8a} IOTAC Meeting on 6 March in the absence of the regular [REDACTED] members. I did not attend the first half-hour of the meeting when matters of Special Intelligence ^{25X1A8a} were being discussed. This was done as a courtesy to ^{25X1A8a} [REDACTED] representation.

2. On ODM matters: [REDACTED] of RSB/SR reported that the ODM draft statement relating to paragraph 5b of NSC 169 had been approved by the Director of ODM. I volunteered that the paper, on ^{25X1A8a} its way to the NSC, has already been coordinated by the [REDACTED]. I said that our position was that interpretation by ODM to their monitoring responsibilities in this proposed revision did not appear to indicate a possibility of their encroachment upon broadcasting monitoring operations. OC and OSI ^{25X1A8a} confirmed their coordination as well.

3. [REDACTED] requested the DDP's comments on recent OCB matters. I stated that there were two recent items, one being an ODM affair. (a) I explained that the ^{25X1A8a} ODM Report on Radio Broadcasting Facilities, drafted by [REDACTED] for the President had been studied further by the DDP. I said that we had presented a coordinated position from the DDP to the BCI ^{25X1A8a} to remove the attachment to the report which discusses [REDACTED] as well as some of the historic inaccuracies in attachments to the report. I explained that the details of our position had been discussed with [REDACTED] of ODM, and with State and USIA representatives and that ODM would revise the report. I added that the DDP had recommended that the report go to the Radio Policy Committee for comments and recommendations. (b) I stated that the proposed revision of NSC 169 by Mr. Staats, Chairman of the OCB, pertaining to lack of feasibility of technical monitoring behind the Iron Curtain, had been nullified. I said that an agreed position by CIA and the State Department's OCB Board Assistants had helped to nullify the proposed amendment. I explained that we felt the technical monitoring proposal was the only true safe-guard available for the presently operating non-technical monitoring ^{25X1A8a} being conducted behind the Curtain.

4. [REDACTED] of OSI reported that the internal monitoring program was moving along with some satisfying

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results. ^{25X1A1a} He stated that the portable receivers (part of the ^{25X1A9a} equipment support recently provided by OSI) would be dispatched to the Iron Curtain monitoring posts soon. A model of the receiver ^{25X1A9a} was made available to the IOTAC representatives and ^{25X1A1a} of OC) explained the modifications which were to be made by OC to improve certain special characteristics in the receiver. The set is a Zenith ^{25X1A1a} transistorized radio that sells retail for approximately ^{25X1A1a} which has been purchased in numbers by OSI at a relative cost of ^{25X1A1a}. It appears to be a suitable radio and with a miniature recorder to record monitor comments, it will improve the "take". The set will not be pretested due to its commercial ratings and the time involved.

5. On the subject of ^{25X1A9a} the broadcast technical effectiveness monitoring program, ^{25X1A9a} expressed his considerable personal concern over the problems OSI was having in trying to resolve the future activities and responsibilities of the EMW branch and especially the BES Unit. He stated that the DDP letters attesting to the need for the evaluation reports led him to feel that it was the type of report produced that was the first concern. He suggested that a DDP representative and OSI get together to make recommendations on how best to tailor the reports to the consumers. He recommended further that the technical materials required by the broadcast engineers might be disseminated on a reduced less refined format so that time lags could be eradicated. He said that the non-technical audience for these reports might prefer to receive edited reports on a bi-annual basis or a more ^{25X1A9a} pertinent, readable, report which measured trends, etc. ^{25X1A9a} of OSI and the undersigned have already worked on this matter. We will continue to study formats and try to present a report by the next TEAC meeting to get a better response from the broadcasters, prior to the subject at IOTAC. I suggested that TEAC be convened for this purpose and OSI agreed. ^{25X1A9a}

I was personally impressed by ^{25X1A9a} apparent sincerity in continuing to carry the responsibility for evaluating broadcast effectiveness in light of the many commitments placed upon OSI for technical intelligence support. I believe OSI will continue to meet their responsibility so long as the BES is told what to do in the way of satisfying the varied demands for effectiveness reports by ^{25X1A9a} VOA, RFE and RL.

6. ^{25X1A9a} was called in to report on the status ^{25X1A9a} of the final revision of the draft memo on Project ^{25X1A9a} for the DCI. ^{25X1A9a} stated that the memo, as revised at the last IOTAC ^{25X1A9a} meeting, was ready for signature by IOTAC's Chairman. ^{25X1A9a} explained that the memo would be distributed to all offices for their

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comments and that it would not go to the DCI until agreement was reached by all interested agency divisions and staffs.

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7. Following [redacted] mention of Project [redacted] considerable discussion was undertaken on whether IOTAC should consider making an evaluation of the Agency's responsibilities and interests in this activity. [redacted] said that it was his belief that the study of jamming was complex enough to be of interest to IOTAC as well as other agency groups. He explained that as the Chief of OSI's Electromagnetic Warfare Branch, he wore two hats on the subject, as did the Office of Scientific Intelligence who chaired the Inter-Government panel on [redacted] activities. He clarified their positions by saying that because there were definitely general areas of interest for the various offices represented on IOTAC what were the opinions of the group in the matter. [redacted] of OCI stated that he felt his office's charter on the subject (the interest in whether or not jamming was used to shield communications) would prevent him from making any agreements to action by IOTAC. [redacted] countered by saying that as long as OCI was represented on IOTAC, it would necessarily have to be interested in any decisions made to evaluate IOTAC's position in regard to [redacted] activities. The subject was left for consideration.

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8. The proposed new charter for IOTAC was then brought up by the Chairman. A survey of the IOTAC members indicated that few had read and digested the paper. It was agreed that this draft-proposal would be discussed fully between now and the next meeting. [redacted] stated that he hoped all present would consider the proposal seriously sometime within the next ten days. He reminded the group that action had been contemplated on the draft-plan sometime for the first of the year, that it was now almost the end of the first quarter, and it should not be postponed. He asked that any changes, concurrences, or comments would well be forwarded in writing or verbally to the IOTAC secretary. Two minor considerations were given to the proposal, one that the Director of Communications not be the addressee but rather, that the DDS who was a signatory, be the addressee. This was noted. Secondly, the matter of TSS representation should be decided. I said that I believed TSS would or could be interested if the draft-plan delineated the new fields proposed outside of NSC 169. I said that I would talk to TSS and see what their thoughts were prior to forwarding any DDP statements on the plan.

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9. Under New Business, [redacted] of ORR, asked me whether there was much being said during

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the East-West Exchanges about jamming. I said that as far as I was informed, this had been a part of the US/USSR negotiations but was not a part of the official communique. I added, that I would suggest that IOTAC be informed of any activity in this area. I also stated on an FYI basis, that jamming was currently very much discussed insofar as plans for the IFRB were concerned.

10. The Chairman proposed that the regular meeting date for IOTAC be changed to the first Tuesday of each month to avoid conflicts in his schedule and that of others present. It was agreed that this would be auspicious. The next meeting will fall on April Fool's Day.

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